

#### **TWITTER SENTIMENT FOR COVID-19**

A machine learning approach for topic analysis

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# **MOTIVATIONS**

- COVID-19: disruptions in daily life and work
- Twitter: public social platform for opinions
- More than 60 million Twitter users in the United States
- Sentiment: people's attitude toward COVID-19
- Potential topics:

Health, safty, economics, social distancing, and school reopenings

Machine learning:

Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA): unsupervised learning for clusterings/topics

# TWITTER DATA

- Twitter API: 8 days of data (Aug 08 to Aug 15)
- Limited to 5000 tweets per day related to COVID-19: English, within United States
- Search key words:

corona, #corona, coronavirus, #coronavirus, covid, #covid, covid19, #covid-19, sarscov2, #sarscov2, sars cov2, sars cov 2, covid\_19, #covid\_19, #ncov, ncov, #ncov2019, ncov2019, 2019-ncov, #2019-ncov, pandemic, #pandemic, #2019ncov, 2019ncov

A total of 40K Tweets

Full tweet text and geo information



# A SNAPSHOT FOR A TWEET





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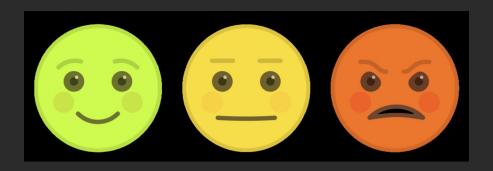
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# SENTIMENT ANALYSIS





# SENTIMENT EXAMPLES

@greggutfeld Quit trying to be the mask police and you won't be assaulted or cussed out when I see someone with no mask I just turn and walk a different direction doing my social distancing Which I do anyway pandemic or not

Sources: College Football "Is Done" Due To COVID-19 Concerns https://t.co/UNCgN58RJX via @TheSportsOnTap

@GOP @realDonaldTrump Biden would have had COVID under control by now, had real medicine to help the sick and wouldn't be making phony promises about a vaccine.

@StCthrin For the first part of the Covid shutdowns, I made a different cocktail practically every day. Basically a pro now, thanks corona.

@CBSNews Screw Pelosi, it's always about Her , last Stimulus Democrats gave themselves \$38,000 Raise Which Had Nothing to Do with The Coronavirus to Help The American People!!



# SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

#### Sentiment analysis:

The process of 'computationally' determining whether a piece of writing is positive, negative or neutral. It's also known as opinion mining.

#### TextBlob

A Python library for processing textual data, part of the natural language processing for partof-speech tagging, noun phrase extraction, sentiment analysis, classification, translation, and more.

## NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING (NLP)

#### • NLP definition:

A subfield of linguistics, computer science, information engineering, and artificial intelligence concerned with the interactions between computers and human (natural) languages, in particular how to program computers to process and analyze large amounts of natural language data.



#### NLP CONTINUED

• Splitted and stemmed (example):

Before: "As Columbia County suffers a #COVID19 spike due to golfing events. ... a political golf event in Easton with NO MASKS and NO SOCIAL DISTANCING. #NewYork #MaskUp https://t.co/zeOe511KdM"

After: "columbia counti suffer #covid19 spike due golf event ... polit golf event easton mask social distanc #newyork #maskup http co zeoe511kdm"

Final words count: >70K (18k words showed up more than once)

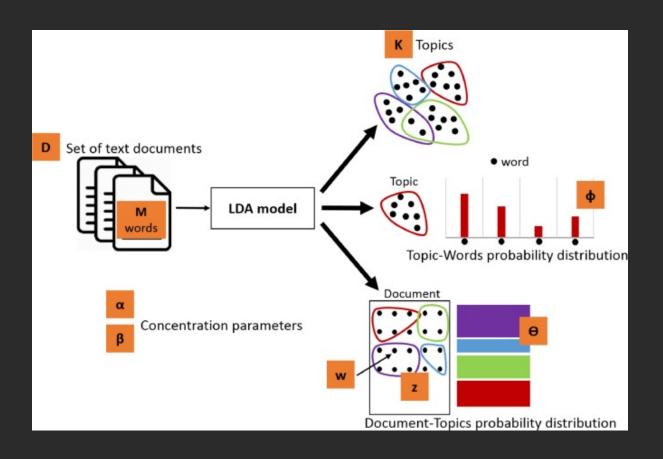


#### MACHINE LEARNING

- Machine Learning
  - Top 400 words were seleted and 140 words were mannually removed (e.g. he, did, go, yo, yeserday, etc). Final key words: 260
  - Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA): Unsupervised learning for clusterings/topics
  - Grid search: n = 2 clusterings
  - From 2 up to 8 clusterings: human choice of 5 clusterings



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## LATENT DIRICHLET ALLOCATION MODEL EXPLAINED

	Topic0	Topic1	Topic2	Topic3	Topic4	dominant_topic
Tweet_0	0.17	0.02	0.02	0.34	0.44	4
Tweet_1	0.03	0.86	0.03	0.03	0.03	1
Tweet_2	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.84	0.04	3
Tweet_3	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.91	0.02	3
Tweet_4	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.84	4



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# FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- COVID-19 and cancer patients
- Cancer and financial hardship
- Historical data
- Model improvements
- Looking for future updates? Click on: Twitter Sentiment

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# QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

## **RESULTS**

